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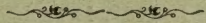
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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE SOCIETY FOR INDIA.

FORMERLY CALLED

CHRISTIAN VERNACULAR EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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THIS Society was established in 1858, immediately after the great Indian Mutiny, by a small band of Christian men, among whom the late LORD SHAFTESBURY and the Rev. W. ARTHUR, M.A. (author of "The Tongue of Fire"), were prominent. Its object was to spread the knowledge of Christ and Salvation among the youth of India by means of Christian Vernacular Education and the circulation of Christian Literature.



During the fifty-three years of its existence it has educated in Christian truth over 100,000 Heathen Children; trained as Teachers over 1,300 Native Converts; published 4,737 Christian Books, &c., in 23 languages, of which it has circulated over 44,874,063 copies.

Its Educational work has now largely passed into other hands, and the Society's great work to-day is the publication and circulation of Christian Literature in the Languages of India. For this there was never so wide a field and such pressing need.

India has now 20,000,000 non-Christian readers, and their number is growing with ever-increasing rapidity. Education has shaken their faith in Hinduism, and has left their hearts empty and desolate. Millions of these can only be reached by the Press.

The Christian Church in India is rapidly growing and must be fed. In this work the Pulpit cannot do without the Press if a high type of intelligent piety is to be cultivated.

The women of India are slowly emerging into light and liberty and waking up to thought, and Christian books for the Zenana are urgently required.

The Christian Literature Society has done much to meet these varied needs, but not a tithe of what ought to be done.



Secularist and Atheistic Societies are flooding India with Anti-Christian Literature WILL YOU HELP TO FLOOD THE LAND WITH CHRISTIAN TRUTH, in order that perplexed and troubled spirits may be lead into the way of peace?

THE CHRISTIAN LITERATURE SOCIETY is INTER-DENOMINATIONAL. All the great Missionary Societies are represented on its Committees in England and in India. **It is doing for them a work which they could not do for themselves**, and a few years ago they commended it to the support of the Christian public by the following

JOINT TESTIMONY.

"We gratefully acknowledge the important services rendered by the Christian Literature Society to the Missions of our Societies labouring in India, and commend the Society to the support of our Subscribers as the VALUED AUXILIARY OF ALL MISSIONS IN INDIA."

(Signed) H. E. Fox, Hon. Sec., Church Missionary Society.
B. BARING-GOULD, Foreign Sec., Church Missionary Society.
A. H. BAYNES, Sec., Baptist Missionary Society,
R. WARDLAW THOMPSON, Sec., London Missionary Society.
MARSHALL HARTLEY, Sec., Wesleyan Missionary Society.
ALEXANDER CONNELL, Convener Presbyterian Ch. of Eng. F.M. Committee.
JOHN MCMURTRIE, Convener Ch. of Scotland F.M. Committee.
GEO. SMITH, Sec., United Free Ch. of Scotland. And 9 others.

**The Committee of the Christian Literature Society
earnestly appeals for enlarged support :—**

- 1.—Because the Society is **A NECESSARY HANDMAID TO ALL PROTESTANT MISSIONARY SOCIETIES** in India, and is commended to the liberality of the Churches by the above-named Secretaries of fifteen of them.
- 2.—Because **ITS WORK COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE BY THESE SOCIETIES SEPARATELY** without much wasteful expenditure of money, and the sacrifice of the time and strength of their Missionaries.
- 3.—Because at the present moment **THE CIRCULATION OF VERNACULAR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IS**, according to universal testimony, **THE MOST URGENT NEED OF THE CHURCH IN INDIA.**

35 JOHN STREET, BEDFORD ROW, LONDON, W.C.